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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: RETARDATION FILM AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 2-5 have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abileah (U.S. Patent No. 6,359,671) in view of Miyachi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,493,053). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the following arguments.

The Examiner acknowledges that Abileah lacks a retardation film with primary refractive indexes which are obtained by rotating the first biaxial ellipsoid at an arbitrary rotational angle